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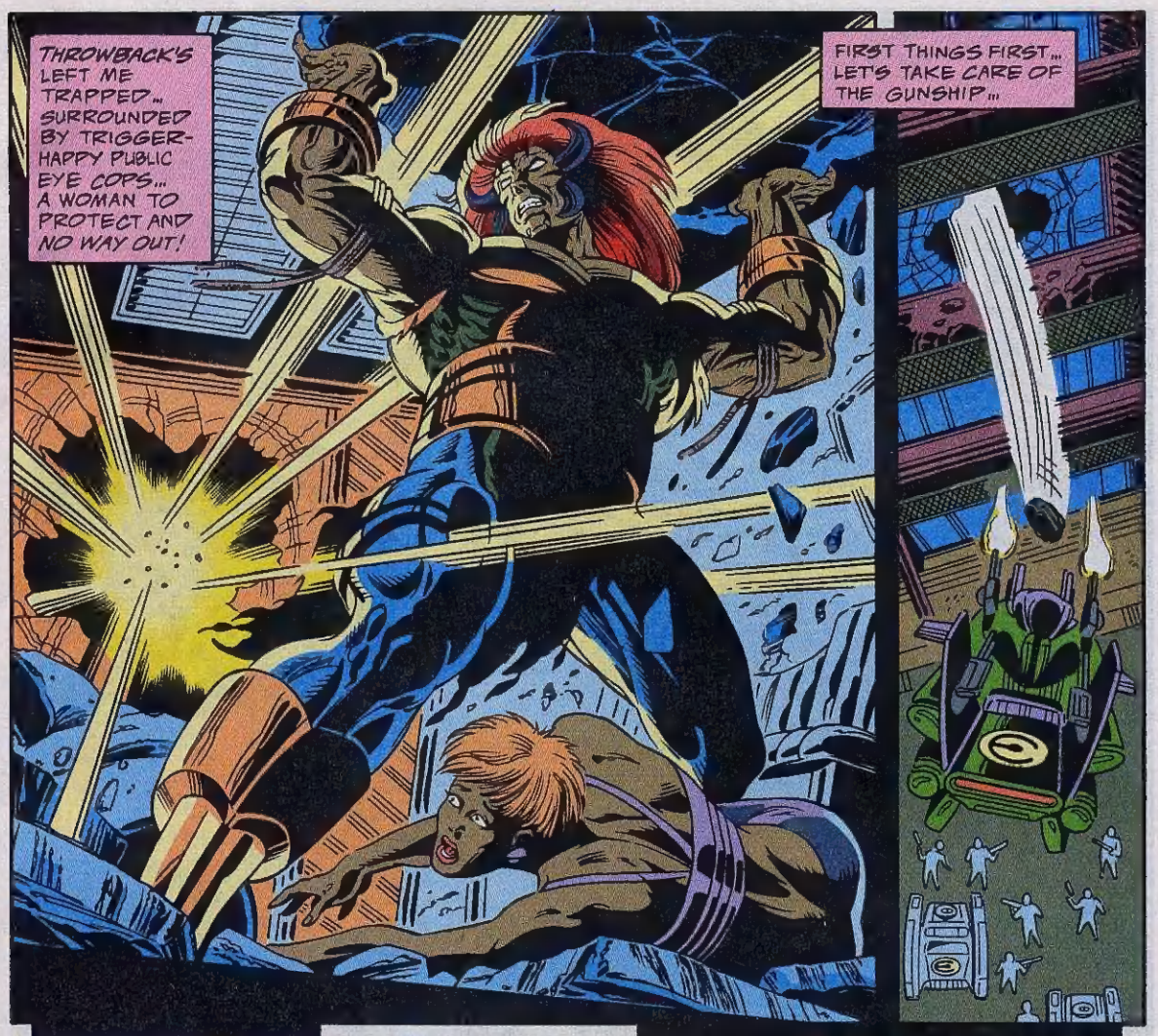
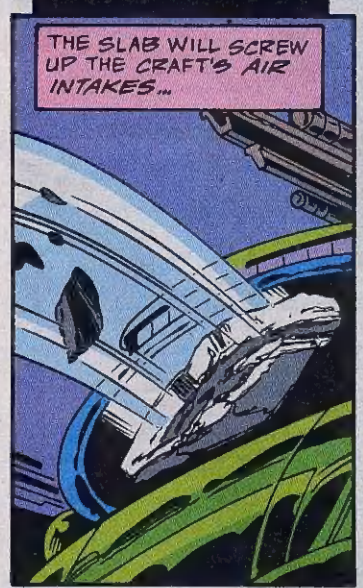

THROWBACK'S LEFT ME TRAPPED... SURROUNDED BY TRIGGER-HAPPY PUBLIC EYE COPS... A WOMAN TO PROTECT AND NO WAY OUT!
FIRST THINGS FIRST... LET'S TAKE CARE OF THE GUNSHIP...



GET OUT OF HERE, WOMAN, BEFORE THEY START THROWING MORE HARDWARE!
LOOK, I DON'T KNOW WHO YOU ARE, BUT I WON'T FORGET YOU SAVED ME. I'LL TELL THE COPS IT WASN'T YOU!

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AT LAST I'M OFF THE HOOK... AT LEAST THEY'LL KNOW THERE ARE TWO BEASTS... AND ONE OF THEM IS A GOOD GUY.
NOW ALL I'VE GOT TO DO IS SAVE MY LIFE.
NOWHERE TO GO UP... AND IF I GO DOWN, I'LL JUST MEET HEAVY ARTILLERY!
I CAN'T GO SIDEWAYS... TOO FAR TO LEAP TO THE OTHER BUILDING, EVEN FOR ME.
WAIT A MINUTE... A BUMBLEBEE HAS THE SAME PROBLEM--IT JUST DOESN'T KNOW THAT IT CAN'T FLY.
I'VE JUST TOLD MYSELF WHAT I CAN'T DO. MODERN MAN IS ALWAYS DOING THAT--IT'S WHY HE GETS NOWHERE.
THE BEAST DOESN'T HAVE THAT PROBLEM... BECAUSE HIS EXISTENCE ISN'T RULED BY INTELLECTUAL BELIEFS.
I SIMPLY HAVE TO SUSPEND MY DISBELIEF.
THE BEAST KNOWS THAT HE CAN JUMP THE GAP, BECAUSE HE HAS TO.
IT'S FAR HARDER--AND AT THE SAME TIME EASIER--THAN A MODERN MAN COULD UNDERSTAND.

FORWARD TO THE PAST

LATER...
MR. RAVAGE! ARE YOU QUITE ALL RIGHT, SIR?
GREEN GLOBE
SURE. JUST HAD A HEAVY NIGHT.
MY INNOCENCE HAS BEEN PROVED... BUT THROWBACK IS STILL OUT THERE... I CAN'T REST UNTIL I'VE BROUGHT HIM DOWN.
SORRY I'M LATE, EVERYONE.
IT'S BAD FORM, SON. AND IT'S NOT THE WAY A C.E.O. SHOULD COME TO A BOARD MEETING.
LOOK, IT'S NOT THE WAY I DRESS, POP, IT'S HOW I PERFORM THAT COUNTS.
EXACTLY. ON THAT SUBJECT... I UNDERSTAND YOU'VE RATIFIED COMPENSATION TO THE VICTIMS OF THE SKY CITY DISASTER.
OUR ATTORNEYS HAD ADVISED US TO DELAY PAYMENTS...
...UNTIL AT LEAST SOME OF THE MORE SERIOUSLY INJURED CLAIMANTS EITHER DIED OR RAN OUT OF FINANCING.
THAT MAY BE STANDARD CORPORATE POLICY, BUT IT'S NOT THE WAY AN ETHICAL COMPANY SHOULD BE RUN--AT LEAST NOT WHILE I'M C.E.O.!
WELL, ON THAT SUBJECT... YOU'RE LEAVING ME NO CHOICE... I MOTION THAT YOU ARE REMOVED FROM YOUR POST... AND REPLACED BY YOUR SISTER MIRANDA!

ON WHAT GROUNDS!?
I SEE WHAT'S GOING ON HERE! I'LL FIGHT YOU IN THE COURTS!
NO, YOU WON'T, SON. MIRANDA AND ALEC PROVIDED ENOUGH EVIDENCE AGAINST YOU. I SIGNED THE PAPERS THIS MORNING.
GYLLA...?
I'M SORRY, PAUL-PHILIP. I'VE SEEN THE HOLO-EVIDENCE. IT'S CONCLUSIVE AND FINAL. YOU NEED HELP.
CLEARLY YOU'RE MENTALLY INCOMPETENT, PAUL-PHILIP... LOOK AT THE STATE OF YOU...
WITH YOUR SULLEN BEHAVIOR OVER THE LAST FEW WEEKS, I'VE BEEN FORCED TO TAKE OUT A "PASSIVE NEUROSIS" COMMITAL ORDER AGAINST YOU.
MOM...? PLEASE...?
I'VE CONSULTED MY WIZARD, AND HE SAYS THE KNIGHT WHO BEARS THE SWORD VALIANT MUST BE SENT TO THE "MISTS OF ETERNAL WEEPING" FOR TESTING...
BRING ON THE DEMONS! THE QUEEN GIVES HER CONSENT!
YOU MUSTN'T BE ALARMED, PAUL-PHILIP...
...DOCTOR MENKEL IS THE BEST! AND THE FACILITIES AT "NEW BETHLEHEM" ARE THE FINEST MONEY CAN BUY!

YOU--YOU'RE THE BEAST! THE MONSTER THAT'S BEEN KILLING INNOCENTS!
CONTROL YOURSELF, SON. YOU'RE MORE DISTURBED THAN I THOUGHT.
NO, YOU DON'T UNDER-STAND... HE'S THROWBACK! HE HAS THE POWER TO TURN INTO A PRIMAL ANIMAL...!
WOW! YOU REALLY ARE NUTS!
MY ANIMAL INSTINCTS AND SENSES REVEALED HIM TO ME! I CAN'T CHANGE AND FIGHT HIM... IF I TURN INTO A BEAST, SO WILL HE... AND MY FAMILY WILL BE KILLED.
YOU MUSTN'T BE ALARMED...
THIS KIND OF DELUSION IS QUITE COMMON... BUT I'M AFRAID HE'LL BE IN FOR A LONG TIME...
A VERY LONG TIME...
I SUSPECT HE'S SUFFERING FROM IDENTITY FRAGMENTATION. I'LL TAKE HIM TO MY I.F.S. WARD...

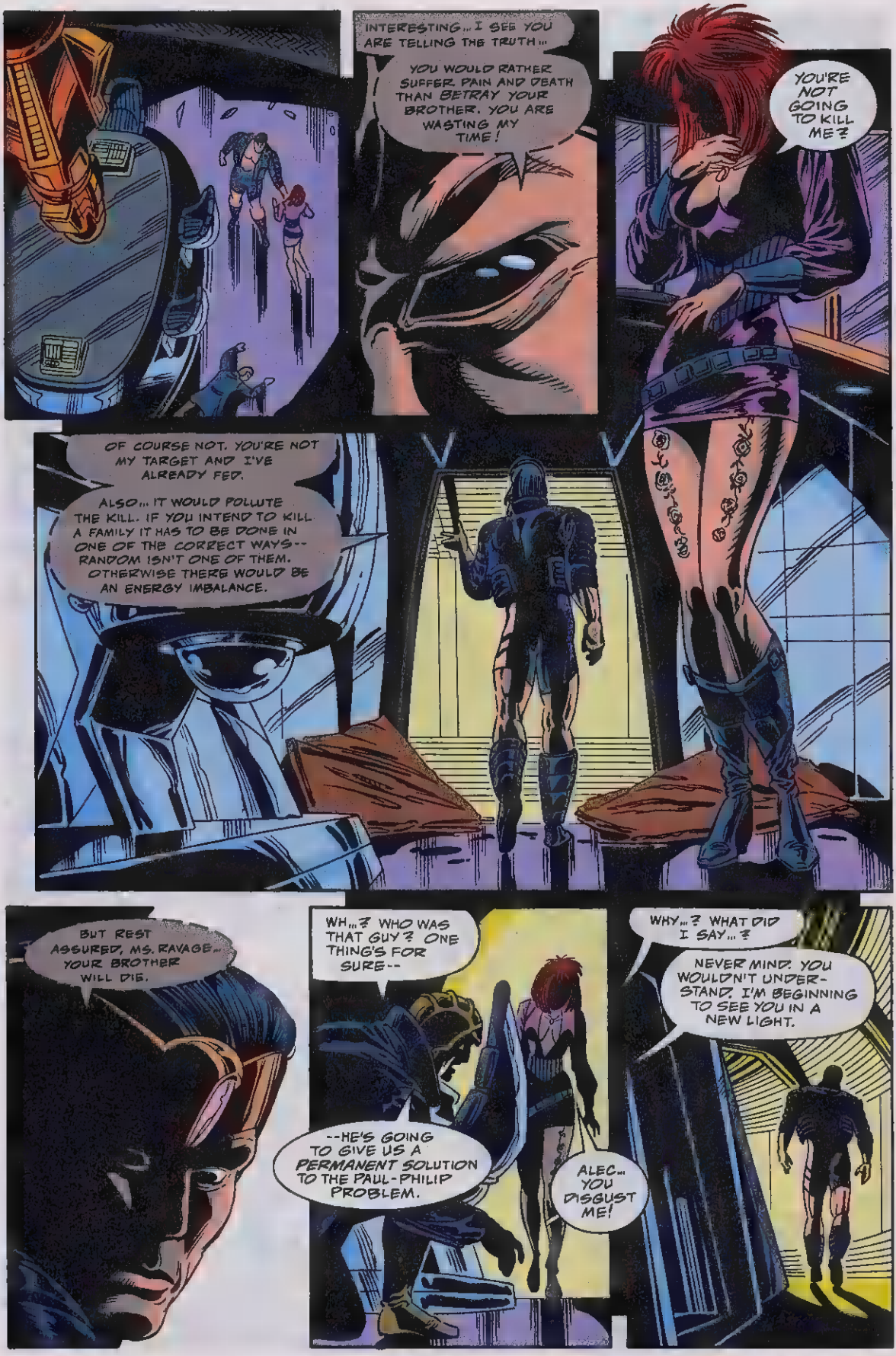
FROM THE JOURNAL OF DOCTOR RUDOLF MENKEL.
Fear, so obviously on my side, has bestowed Ravage upon me. By RECOGNIZING me... he has shown that he is my would-be Nemesis.
AH... YOU'RE BACK WITH US, RAVAGE. LET ME SHOW YOU AROUND YOUR NEW HOME.
DON'T WORRY IF YOU DRIBBLE, RAVAGE... MY NURSE WILL CLEAN YOU UP... FROM TIME TO TIME...
The 25 cc's of Somnidol we are giving him every morning will prevent any metamorphosis... but the muzzle and restraint straps provide extra security.
He is my prize patient--the jewel in my collection. The perfect guinea pig for my experiments. His reluctant body will offer some clues as to my untimely reversion back to the human.
He seems to have a more finite control over his own transformations... a secret I shall learn from him -- eventually.
NEW BETHLEHEM ASYLUM
YOUR SITUATION IS THE INEVITABLE OUTCOME OF A WEAK PHILOSOPHY, RAVAGE... YOUR BELIEF THAT YOU SHOULD RESTRAIN YOUR GREAT GIFT...
...DID YOU THINK NATURE GAVE YOU YOUR CLAWS TO DO KNITTING...? NO, THEY WERE MEANT TO REND FLESH, MY FRIEND!

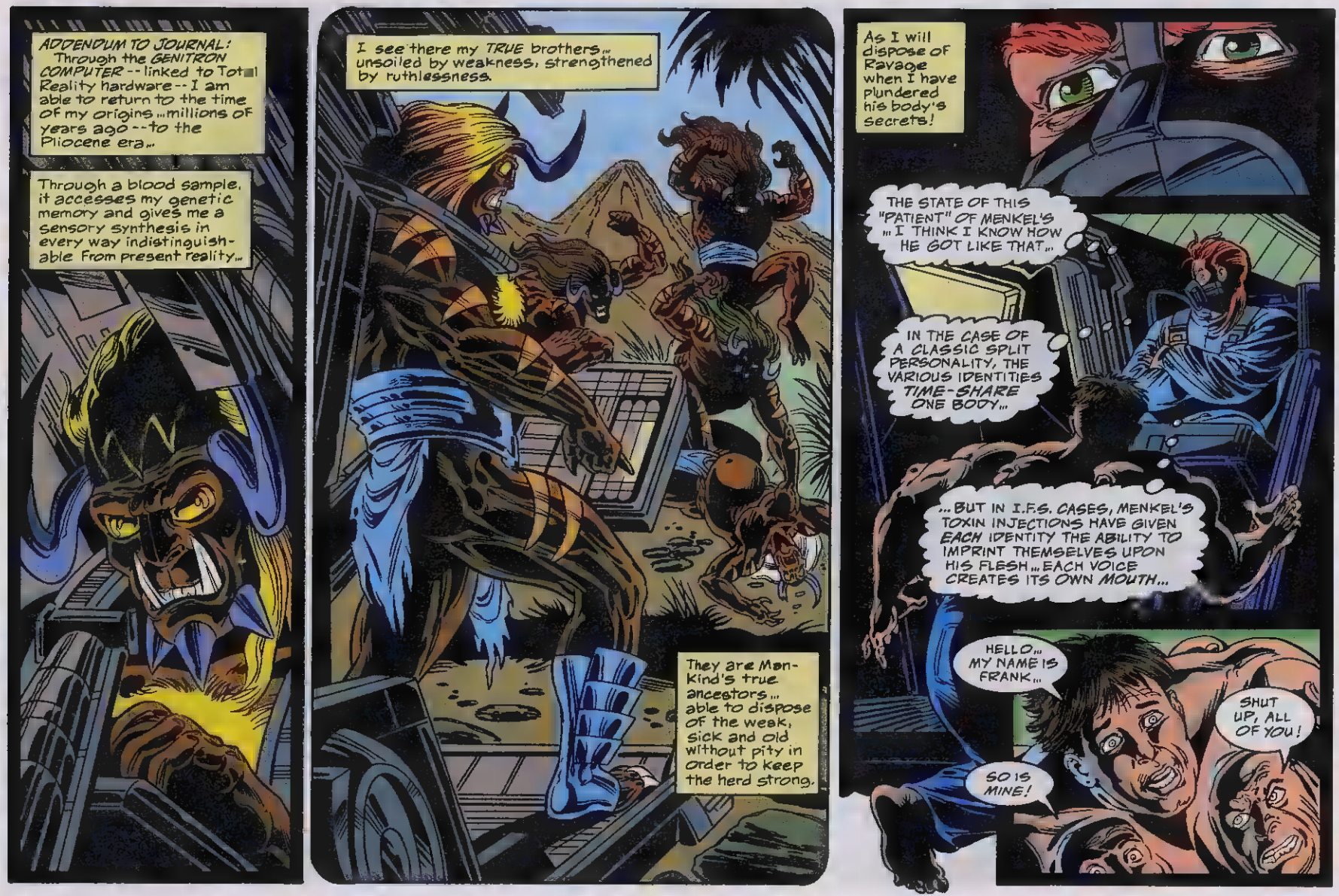
GOOD AFTERNOON, SIR... CAN I HELP YOU?
GREEN GLOBE
EXCUSE ME, SIR! DO YOU HAVE AN APPOINTMENT?
ALL HAVE AN APPOINTMENT WITH DEATH...
...WOULD YOU RATHER HAVE YOURS NOW?
NO. YES. WHATEVER YOU SAY.
GREEN GLOBE
THERE HE IS!
OKAY, BUDDY-- HOLD IT RIGHT THERE!
WE DON'T WANT ANY-BODY TO GET HURT, DO WE?
ON THE CONTRARY, I DO.
I'M WARNING YOU-- BACK OFF!

YOU ARE GENEROUS INDEED TO DONATE YOUR LIFE-FORCES TO ME... I GRATEFULLY ACCEPT.
GREEN GLOBE

INSIDE...
SO HOW DOES IT FEEL TO BE C.E.O. OF GREEN GLOBE?
PRETTY GOOD. THEY'RE MOVING MY STUFF INTO PAUL-PHILIP'S OFFICE NOW.
AND MY FIRST MOVE AS BOSS IS TO APPOINT YOU MY DEPUTY, ALEC.
WELL...THAT'S NICE--FOR NOW.
WHAT DO YOU MEAN--"FOR NOW"? I'VE JUST BROUGHT YOU UP TO PLATINUM CARD STATUS.
WELL, OBVIOUSLY AFTER WE'RE MARRIED... AND OUR CHILD PERMIT'S APPROVED... YOU MAY FIND RUNNING A COMPANY AND A FAMILY A LITTLE TAXING...
YOU'LL NATURALLY WISH ME TO TAKE THAT PRESSURE OFF YOU...
WHAT?!
I'M ONLY THINKING OF YOU, HONEY, YOU UNDERSTAND.
YOU'VE GOT IT ALL FIGURED OUT, HAVEN'T YOU, ALEC...?
SO--WHEN DO THE MEN IN WHITE COATS COME FOR ME?
MIRANDA RAVAGE...?
OH, DARLING, HOW COULD YOU SUG--?

WHERE IS YOUR BROTHER?
WHY... WHY DO YOU WANT TO KNOW?
IT IS TIME FOR HIM TO DIE.
HEY-- LET HER GO, YOU...!
AGHH!
I AM WAITING FOR AN ANSWER.
I-I CAN'T TELL YOU... NOT IF I'M SENTENCING PAUL-PHILIP TO DEATH.
IT IS BETTER SURELY FOR HIM TO DIE THAN YOU, DON'T YOU AGREE. YOUR SILENCE WILL EARN YOU A SLOW, PAINFUL AND... HUMILIATING DEATH.
DO... DO AS YOU WILL. I'LL TELL YOU NOTHING!


INTERESTING... I SEE YOU ARE TELLING THE TRUTH...
YOU WOULD RATHER SUFFER PAIN AND DEATH THAN BETRAY YOUR BROTHER. YOU ARE WASTING MY TIME!
YOU'RE NOT GOING TO KILL ME?
OF COURSE NOT. YOU'RE NOT MY TARGET AND I'VE ALREADY FED.
ALSO... IT WOULD POLLUTE THE KILL. IF YOU INTEND TO KILL A FAMILY IT HAS TO BE DONE IN ONE OF THE CORRECT WAYS-- RANDOM ISN'T ONE OF THEM. OTHERWISE THERE WOULD BE AN ENERGY IMBALANCE.
BUT REST ASSURED, MS. RAVAGE... YOUR BROTHER WILL DIE.
WH...? WHO WAS THAT GUY? ONE THING'S FOR SURE--
--HE'S GOING TO GIVE US A PERMANENT SOLUTION TO THE PAUL-PHILIP PROBLEM.
ALEC... YOU DISGUST ME!
WHY...? WHAT DID I SAY...?
NEVER MIND. YOU WOULDN'T UNDERSTAND. I'M BEGINNING TO SEE YOU IN A NEW LIGHT.


ADDENDUM TO JOURNAL: Through the GENITRON COMPUTER -- linked to Total Reality hardware -- I am able to return to the time of my origins ... millions OF years ago -- to the Pliocene era...
Through a blood sample, it accesses my genetic memory and gives me a sensory synthesis in every way indistinguishable From present reality...
I see there my TRUE brothers... unsoiled by weakness, strengthened by ruthlessness.
They are Man-Kind's true ancestors... able to dispose OF the weak, sick and old without pity in order to keep the herd strong.
As I will dispose of Ravage when I have plundered his body's secrets!
THE STATE OF THIS "PATIENT" OF MENKEL'S ... I THINK I KNOW HOW HE GOT LIKE THAT...
IN THE CASE OF A CLASSIC SPLIT PERSONALITY, THE VARIOUS IDENTITIES TIME-SHARE ONE BODY...
...BUT IN I.F.S. CASES, MENKEL'S TOXIN INJECTIONS HAVE GIVEN EACH IDENTITY THE ABILITY TO IMPRINT THEMSELVES UPON HIS FLESH ... EACH VOICE CREATES ITS OWN MOUTH...
HELLO... MY NAME IS FRANK...
SHUT UP, ALL OF YOU!
SO IS MINE!

LISTEN... FRANK... H-HELP ME AND I CAN HELP YOU...
NO ONE CAN HELP ME...
OR ME... NOT AFTER THE THINGS DOCTOR MENKEL DID TO US.
WELL, I DON'T KNOW... HE MIGHT [redacted] ABLE TO HELP ME... WE SHOULD ALL LISTEN TO WHAT HE HAS TO SAY.
FR-FREE ME AND I'LL GET YOU TO A REAL HOSPITAL... EXPERT MEDICAL HELP...
LOOK, GO TO THE MEDICAL STORE... FIND ADRENALIN... IT WILL COUNTERACT THE SEDATIVE I'M UNDER.
WE CAN'T DO THAT. MENKEL WON'T LIKE IT!
WHO CARES WHAT MENKEL LIKES? DO YOU WANT TO SUFFER ALL YOUR LIFE?
OOH! LISTEN TO HIM! I THINK WE SHOULD GO TO MENKEL -- TELL HIM WHAT'S GOING ON!
SHUT UP, FRANK. YOU DON'T FEEL THE PAIN LIKE SOME OF US DO!
YEAH, SHUT UP! I'VE GOT MAIN CONTROL OF THIS BODY AND I AGREE WITH FRANK ... LET'S GET THE ADRENALIN.

I see my path ever clearer now. I need to step up my campaign... eliminate more of the weak humans... cursed with their artificial morality. I must go ever onward...

...forward to the past!
GRAAOWWL!
OH, MY! YOU'RE LIKE MENKEL... ONLY MEANER!

GRRRRR! THROWBACK!
AH! YOU'RE FREE! SO I HAVE BEEN BETRAYED BY ONE OF MY PATIENTS -- WHEN I'VE FINISHED WITH YOU, I SHALL DESTROY THEM ALL!

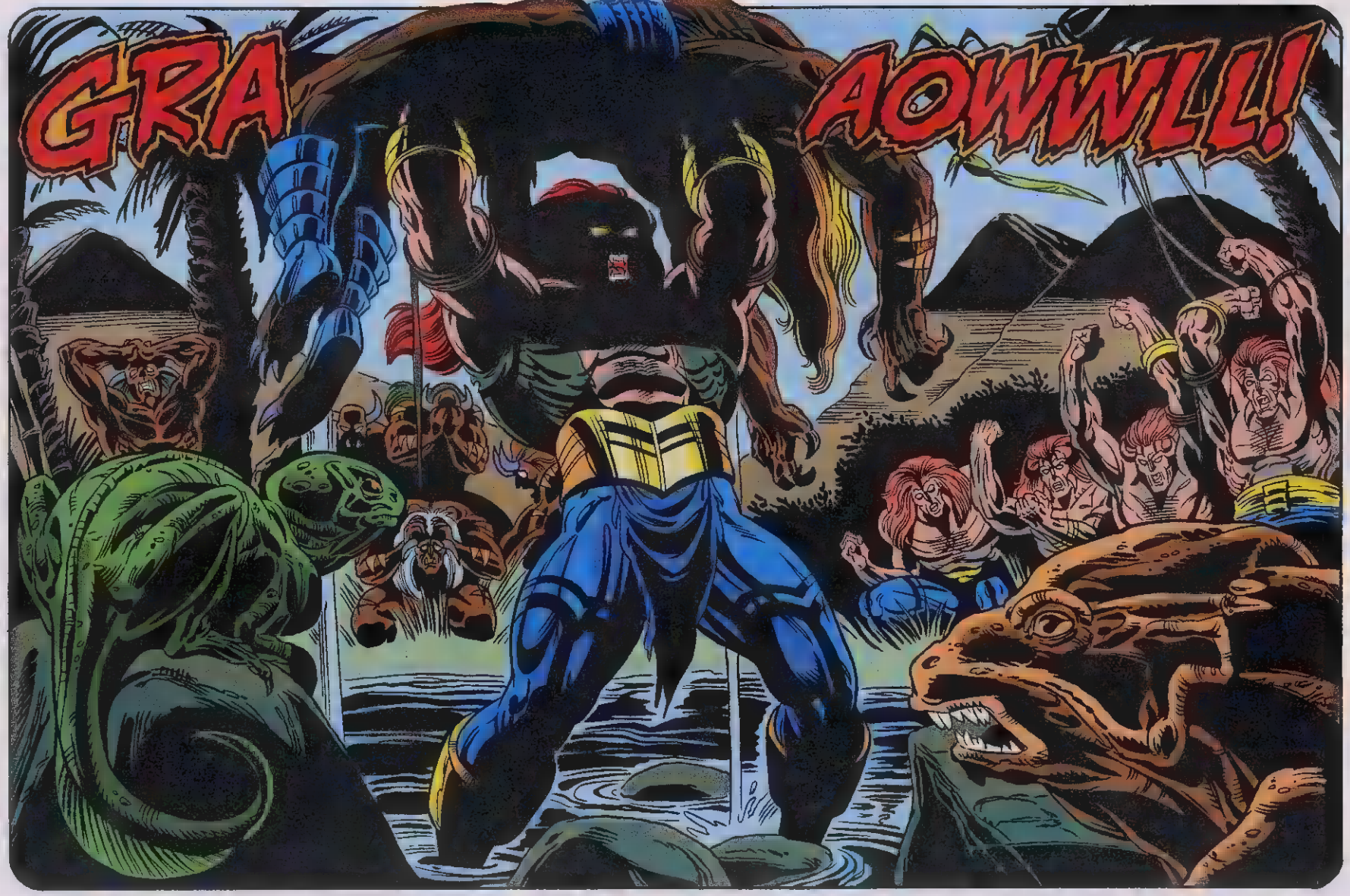
WHAT'S THIS...? ANOTHER HERD HAS APPEARED OF YOUR KIND! YOUR ENTRY HAS AFFECTED THIS REALITY...
IT SEEMS THAT WE ARE TO RE-ENACT AN ANCIENT BATTLE THAT TOOK PLACE SIX MILLION YEARS AGO!

IN THE WAY OF OUR FOREBEARS, CHAMPION AGAINST CHAMPION, AND THE LOSING TRIBE RE-SIGNED TO PASSIVE DEATH!

A BATTLE WHICH WILL BE A FOREGONE CONCLUSION...
"...FOR MY SUB-SPECIES IS ANYTHING BUT PASSIVE!
"HEAR HOW THEY TRUMPET THEIR APPROVAL... SOUNDING YOUR DEATH KNELL!"
RROAR!
SK-RAOWL!
THE DEATH OF ALL THOSE BURDENED WITH THE CURSE OF MORALITY!

YOU'RE WRONG, THROWBACK! HAS IT OCCURRED TO YOU WHY MODERN MAN IS ENDOWED WITH THIS "CURSE"? HE IS THE SUCCESSOR OF MY TRIBE...
...THAT'S WHY YOU ARE UNABLE TO HOLD YOUR FORM UNDER DURESS...!
YOURS IS THE UNSUCCESSFUL GENETIC STRAIN! YOURS IS THE TRIBE THAT WAS WIPED OUT!
NO! WEAKLING PHILOSOPHY! I SHALL SHOW YOU LIE!

YOUR SPECIES FAILED BECAUSE YOU'RE WRONG...!
DON'T YOU KNOW THAT EVEN RAVENING WOLVES CARE FOR THEIR SICK AND YOUNG?
YOU'RE ONE OF NATURE'S DEAD ENDS!
SKRUNCH
JEEEGH!


GRA
AOWWLL!

BULLPEN BULLETINS

MARVEL COMICS

NEWSLINE

Whew! Good thing March is a five-week month, because we need two weeks of *Newslines* to cover all the editorial staff-shuffling we've been doing these past few months. Picking up from where we left off last week ...

Karl Bollers, who helped create our Marvel computer screen-saver programs available on Berkley Systems, has left his post as **Sarra Mossoff**'s Assistant Editor office to become the head-bangin' Assistant to Rock and Roll Editor **Mort Todd.** One of Karl's jobs as music comics editor will be to correct the spelling of the phrase "gangsta rap."

X-MEN Group Editor (and newlywed) **Bob Harras** has mutated his assistant, **Lisa Patrick**, to Associate Editor. In addition to editing CABLE and other X-books, Lisa's job will be to find out if there are any words beginning with "X" which we haven't used for a comic title yet. Morphing in as Bob's new Assistant Editor is **Ben Raab**, formerly an intern in the Special Projects area, who is also in charge of putting all that Adamantium back into Wolverine's skeleton!

Tom Brevoort, formerly an Associate Editor in Special Projects, has been promoted to full Editor within Special Projects. Tom will work primarily on trading cards, and on trying to convince Fleer to put the gum back in the card packs. Former hall monitor **Glenn Greenberg** is now Tom Brevoort's Assistant Editor.

Tim Tuohy, formerly **Don Daley**'s assistant, has been promoted to Associate Editor in the Epic area, which means he now earns the title of PINHEAD Editor. Don's new Assistant Editor is **Freddie Mendez**, formerly of our Manufacturing Department, who looks forward to much punishment in the future.

Next up, let's welcome **Mariano Nicieza** (no relation to fabulous Fabian, other than being his older brother), formerly of our Sales Department, who has come on board as Editor of our new Marvel Limited program (see box to right)!

And finally, Group Editor **Ralph Macchio** has taken in former editorial assistant **Matt Idelson** to take the place of the departing **Pat Garrahy** on the AVENGERS/FF line, telling him "don't be idle, son!"

THE BULL'S EYE BY RICK PARKER

GEE, TOM... DO YOU REALLY THINK THAT A.B.C. GUM* BY COMICS PROFESSIONS WILL BECOME THE NEXT HOT COLLECTIBLE...??
FLEER TRADING CARDS
*ALREADY BEEN CHEWED

HYPE BOX

Action fans won't want to miss this Week's issue of NIGHT THRASHER, which pits the New Warrior against **Iron Man!** It all starts when negotiations break down between Genetech and Stark Enterprises. That's when Thrash and Shell-Head try to break each other down — into little tiny pieces! It's a real iron thrasher, pitting armor against armor, and it's brought to you by **Fabian Nicieza** and **David Boller!**

AND NOW A WORD FROM MARIANO ...

Greetings and salutations! This is **Mariano Nicieza**, Marvel's newest Editor coming at ya'! Strap in tight 'cause the news I've got for you is gonna knock you right out of your chair! In May, we're launching **Marvel Limited** — Ultra-Hot Special Collector's Editions of some of Marvel's greatest comics ever, by some of the industry's legendary creators!

To kick things off, we're producing FANTASTIC FIRSTS, a 400 page leather bound, hardcover spectacular! This fifteen chapter once-in-a-lifetime book contains the first appearances of Marvel's most memorable characters and showcases the titanic talents of **Stan Lee, Jack Kirby, Steve Ditko** and many others. Ask your retailer to reserve your copy today!

NOW ON SALE

- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN #389:** How far will Spidey go when he catches the **Chameleon** — his parents' killer? By DeMatteis/ Bagley/ Emberlin!
- **AMAZING SPIDER-MAN ANNUAL #28: Carnage** wants to kill an old friend! By Michelinie/ Butler/ LaRosa!
- **BARBIE #41:** YeeHaa! Barbie and Skipper wrangle up some cattle *rustlers*! By Robbins/ Rausch/ Tanghal!
- **CONAN SAGA #86:** With guest-barbarians **Red Sonja** and **King Kull**! By Thomas/ Buscema & Chan/ Thorne!
- **GHOST RIDER #49:** The **Hulk** versus **Vengeance**! By Mackie/ Garney/ Ivey!
- **GUARDIANS OF THE GALAXY #48:** Don't overlook **Overkill**! By Gallagher/ West/ Montano!
- **HARROWERS #6:** The Harrowers want to pound **Pinhead** in their final battle! By Smith/ Colan/ Williamson!
- **HYPERKIND #9: Lazarex Prime** boasts, "Okay, **Paxis** — here I come!" By Burke/ Cullins/ Petrecca!
- **NIGHT THRASHER #10:** Thrash versus **Iron Man**! Ulp! By Nicieza/ Boller!
- **NOVA #5:** The all new **Condor** wants to pick your corpse! By Nicieza/ Marrinan/ Stegbauer!
- **PUNISHER WAR ZONE #27:** The savage gun of Frank the Barbarian! By Dixon/ Buscema!
- **QUASAR #58: Makkari** makes it to the Galactic Marathon! But who will *win*? By Gruenwald/ Heebink/ Day & Day!
- **RAVAGE 2099 #18:** Ravage is locked up in the loony bin 2099! Featuring **Throwback**! By Mills & Skinner/ Miehm!
- **SACHS & VIOLENS #2 OF 4:** S & V wants to snuff out some killer photographers! For mature audiences! By David & Perez!
- **SECRET DEFENDERS #15: Surfer, Firelord,** and **Legacy** are thralls of Thanos! By Marz/ Wyman/ DeCarlo!
- **SHROUD #3 OF 4:** The **Shroud** is goin' back to Kali — the Cult of Kali, that is! By Barr/ Wyman/ Jones III!
- **SILVER SABLE #24:** Two *assassins* have **Silver** on their hit lists! Guest-starring **The Foreigner**! By Wright/ Purcell!
- **WAR MACHINE #2:** Mixing it up with **Cable** and **Deathlok**! By Kaminski & Benson/ Gecko & Eklund!
- **WOLVERINE #81:** Wolvie searches for his long-lost foster child with the help of **Nightcrawler** and **Shadowcat**! By Hama/ Kubert/ Farmer!
- **X-FACTOR #102: Random**'s quest to kill **Polaris** concludes! By DeMatteis/ Duursema/ Milgrom!
- **X-MEN ADVENTURES SEASON 2 #4:** The Russian government wants to reclaim **Colossus**! Featuring **Omega Red**! By Macchio/ Heebert/ Albrecht!
- **X-MEN: THE EARLY YEARS #1:** Reprinting the ultra-collectible *X-Men #1* (from 1963)! By Lee/ Kirby/ Reinman!

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THROWBACK'S TRIBE ARE BARING THEIR THROATS IN SUBMISSION...
THE WAY A BEATEN DOG WILL WHEN HE KNOWS HIS TIME HAS COME.
THEY OFFER NO RESISTANCE AND EXPECT TO DIE... MY TRIBE FALLING ON THEM, TO DISPATCH THEM...
MY TRIBE WAS THE WAY FORWARD FOR HUMANITY.
WOW! I'VE REALLY GOTTA BUY ONE OF THESE MACHINES!

OKAY, FRANK-- I'M GOING TO GET YOU SOME REAL HELP... AND HELP FOR ALL THESE OTHER POOR PEOPLE.
AND JUST WHERE DO YOU THINK YOU'RE GOING? DOCTOR MENKEL IS...
OH, OH!
...FINISHED! AND SO ARE YOU, LADY, IF YOU DON'T CLEAN UP THIS ACT!
I'LL SEND SOME TOP-FLIGHT DOCTORS INTO THIS PLACE TO HELP THESE POOR WRETCHES... YOU'D BETTER COOPERATE WITH THEM, NURSE...
... OR I'LL BE BACK-- AND YOU'LL BE THE PATIENT!

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Out Of My Head

Another sleepless night, because Jon Babcock's coffee is too good to resist, even after 5 PM. So I'm doing this page and flipping the dial, and here's the same infomercial for the same psychic phone service, running simultaneously on three, count 'em, *three* local stations!

So what's the point of cable having five hundred channels if four hundred of them are the Psychic Friends Network?

Over My Head

What is an Associate Editor? Since Joey first hit me with the news that I would no longer be assisting him on RAVAGE and PUNISHER 2099 but co-editing them, I've pondered this long and hard. In my vast Associate experience of nearly a month, I've learned the job is one part Assistant Editor: chasing down pages, getting them penciled, inked, lettered, colored, proof-read and pulling out your hair in frustration; one part Editor: discussing plots, critiquing artists, checking color proofs, setting deadlines, okaying covers and pulling out more hairs; and one part Group Editor: developing new characters, books, writers, artists and wondering what happened to your hair. As far as you're concerned, an Associate Editor is another person dedicated to making Marvel comics the best. I'm another pair of hands and eyes to help Joey make new and better 2099 comics. Pat, Tony, Grant, Joey and I have got some big things in store for Ravage, so stick around. Okay, so this wasn't as clever as Joey's, but I'm new at this...

Dear Mr. Cavalieri,

First and foremost, I'd like to commend you on the terrific job you are doing on the 2099 books. Without your guiding hand and judgment, the books wouldn't be as great as they are today.

I have to admit that I'm a 2099 addict. I love all the 2099 books! There's just something about them that makes them stand out from all the other comics on the rack. Maybe it's the great pencilers, great writers, great inkers or maybe they are just plain great! Whatever it is, I'm just glad that I've been blessed to see the 2099 Universe take shape!

SPIDER-MAN 2099 is one of the best-developed stories I've ever read. It's deep in content but lighthearted in presentation!

DOOM 2099 is dark, scientific and full of mystery! With each issue, the story gets more intense and dabbles more and more in the world of high-tech adventure.

PUNISHER 2099 is action-packed, violent and takes the reader on a whirlwind of action each and every issue! It also seems to keep the reader on the edge of their seats with each read!

X-MEN 2099 is completely great! It has action, friendship, disaster, distrust and everything in between! For being a new 2099 book, it seems like an old friend.

2099 UNLIMITED is a book worth waiting for! Where else can we read about the great Hulk 2099 and get to see our other favorite 2099 heroes through the eyes of other creative teams!

That brings me to the last of the 2099 books, a personal favorite as well as the most "original" character in the 2099 Universe, RAVAGE 2099. It started out with a bang; cliffhanger after cliffhanger, leaving the reader with a feeling of "wow." Then suddenly, without notice, Ravage changed, leaving the readers in a state of, "awesome." Now the book is gritty, action-packed and full of excitement, leaving this reader with the feeling that maybe this book is a little too much like PUNISHER 2099.

I'm trying to make my feelings known because I really like Ravage. This character should be different from all the others in the 2099 Universe! He should be the cornerstone of the 2099 Universe because he is the most original character yet!

Mr. Cavalieri, I really do have a special fondness for the book. I mean it was started by the great Stan Lee and Paul Ryan! With such a great start it should continue to stay strong! I fear, though, that with the current trend it will stumble along the way (I hope I'm wrong about that). The book needs to be action-packed, have humor, take a deeper look into his personal life as well as make his supporting cast a bigger part of the story. The book has so much potential and I know that it can be great!

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Tim, when Pat and Tony came on board, we all agreed not to be afraid of change. We're pretty proud of this book, and of our plans for the upcoming issues as well! Remain loyal and give us feedback, and we promise you a real blast!

Also, check out the "Marvel 2099" box below for another surprise!

Dear Joey and Matthew,

When Pat and Tony took the reins of RAVAGE 2099 from Stan Lee I considered dropping the title. But what you guys have done with this title is amazing! I love the drawings of the beast-man Ravage. Pat and Tony, please stay with RAVAGE 2099 as long as you can, you guys are great writers.

What's with Paul-Philip's mother? Will we find out the reason she's like, that? Will Ravage return to Hellrock? Does Ravage sharpen his horns? What does Ravage eat for breakfast?

Forget those last two.

You've got a reader for years to come.

Adam Reinhard
(Address withheld by request)

Paul-Philip's mom is a virtual reality addict, Adam. For the lowdown on that, scope out SPIDER-MAN 2099 #19, in which Spidey's brother becomes similarly addicted. Hey, just say "no" to plugs, right? Return to Hellrock? We just might!

MORE AND MORE AND MORE OF MARVEL 2099

It's official! Today, we start work on bringing you the latest light in the 2099 firmament! Coming up next is the HULK 2099 in his own monthly title! Apparently, 2099 UNLIMITED wasn't big enough to hold the guy, so the verdant one's busting out into a series of his own! Cool or what?

Naturally, we owe the success of the 2099 books to you guys! We couldn't be more thrilled with the loyal support you've shown us (especially through your letters! Keep 'em comin'!) and your eagerness to join us on this ride through Marvel's future! (And if there's anybody *else* you'd like to see in a series, let us know!

NEXT ISSUE

Nobody can accuse us of resting on our laurels! We just got through introducing a couple of new villains in our last few sagas...and next month, we do it again! The perfect adversary for a beast-man like Ravage...why didn't we think of it before?